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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1943

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

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and Wyman)

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Romero, and Scott)

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An act to amend Section 4939 of, and to add Section 4965.5 to, the
Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1943, as amended, Chu. Acupuncture.

Existing law, the Acupuncture Licensure Act, regulates the practice
and licensure of acupuncture and establishes the Acupuncture Board to
enforce and administer these provisions.

Existing provisions of the act require the board to establish standards
for the approval of schools and colleges offering education and training
in the practice of an acupuncturist.

This bill would require that those standards include a minimum of
3,000 hours of study in curriculum pertaining to the practice of
~~acupuncture~~ *an acupuncturist* that would apply to all students entering

programs on or ~~before~~ *after* January 1, 2004. The bill would require an acupuncturist licensed prior to January 1, 2003, to complete ~~450 hours~~ of continuing education courses in acupuncture by January 1, 2013, *as determined by the Acupuncture Board*, to renew his or her license.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that a 4,000
2 hour curriculum for the licensure of acupuncturists be developed
3 and implemented by 2010.

4 SEC. 2. Section 4939 of the Business and Professions Code
5 is amended to read:

6 4939. (a) The board shall establish standards for the approval
7 of schools and colleges offering education and training in the
8 practice of ~~acupuncture~~ *an acupuncturist*, including standards for
9 the faculty in those schools and colleges, and tutorial programs,
10 completion of which will satisfy the requirements of Section 4938.

11 (b) Standards for the approval of training programs shall
12 include a minimum of 3,000 hours of study in curriculum
13 pertaining to the practice of ~~acupuncture~~ *an acupuncturist*. This
14 subdivision shall apply to all students entering programs on or
15 ~~before~~ *after* January 1, 2004.

16 (c) *Within three years of initial approval by the board, each*
17 *program so approved by the board shall receive full institutional*
18 *approval under Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 94760) of*
19 *Chapter 7 of Part 59 of the Education Code in the field of*
20 *traditional oriental medicine, or in the case of institutions located*
21 *outside of this state, approval by the appropriate governmental*
22 *educational authority using standards equivalent to those of*
23 *Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 94760) of Chapter 7 of Part*
24 *59 of the Education Code, or the board's approval of the program*
25 *shall automatically lapse.*

26 SEC. 3. Section 4965.5 is added to the Business and
27 Professions Code, to read:

28 4965.5. An acupuncturist licensed prior to January 1, 2003,
29 shall complete ~~450 hours~~ of continuing education courses in
30 acupuncture, *in addition to those required by Section 4945*, by
31 January 1, 2013, in order to renew his or her license. *Satisfactory*

- 1 *completion of this continuing education requirement shall be*
- 2 *determined by the board.*

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